

THE MORNING APPEAL

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FOR PRESIDENT IN 1900,
WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN,
Of Nebraska.

A CLEVELAND LEGACY.

In a debate last Monday in the House, Cyrus A. Sulloway made a scathing speech relative to the way Grover Cleveland manipulated Civil Service Reform. It was merely a job to put Cleveland's friends in office for life and turn the Pension Bureau over to the gold Democrats.

Here is an extract from his speech: "I go to a Department and ask that the widow of a Union soldier be given a clerkship; she is competent, a correct accountant and excellent pen-woman. I am refused; there is no place for this lady, under civil service in the employ of the Government. But the widow of General Pickett, who led the charge against the Union forces at Gettysburg in resisting which my constituent's husband fell mortally wounded, is an employee in that Department, blanketed in for life under civil-service rules."

"I go to a Department to solicit a position for the daughter of a Union soldier whose father died in his boots at Spottsylvania, shot through the body while upholding our flag. There is no place for her, but two daughters or sisters, I am not certain which, of Jackson, who killed Colonel Ellsworth, are in that Department, on the pay roll for life."

"During Cleveland's Administration one Colonel Williams, Auditor for the Interior Department, one day called up sixteen Union soldiers and asked them how they voted. They told him as they fought, for the Union. He said, 'Gentleman, you cannot expect us to keep you; we must care for our own.' They were discharged, and, as I am informed, Confederate soldiers took their places, or the places of most of them. They are still there, pensioners for life on the bounty of a Government they fought to destroy."

The Pension Bureau to-day is honeycombed, crowded with men, adjusting the claims of Union soldiers for pensions, who are hostile, some of whom served in the Confederate army and shot off the arms and legs of the claimants and cause the disabilities for which the Government is asked to allow them a pension.

"These men are the judges of widows' claims who husbands they killed, or who died of disease contracted from exposure in resisting their efforts to shoot this Government out of existence; these are blanketed in office for life under the merit system and Union soldiers walk the streets of this capital begging for employment at times for bread."

"You who will may support, sustain, and apologize for and excuse the outrages perpetrated under this system. I for one am for the immediate and unconditional repeal of the law, regardless of who favors it or the position they occupy."

We have plenty of men in this country who fought under the flag that floats over the Pension Office competent to do all that need be done there by men, and it is both an insult and outrage to exclude them and employ those who brought all the misery, anguish and woe upon those who have been and are suffering, and who burdened the nation with tax of \$140,000,000 annually for pensions, which is not more than two-thirds of what it really ought to be and that justice demands that it should be.

Nat Goodwin, the actor, is now separated from his wife by divorce, and the Court has forbidden him to marry again. Matrimony never seemed to cut much figure with Nat anyhow.

The U. S. Senators all congratulated Hanna when he showed up. Most of them have had the same experience.

A man named Shaw was on trial for perjury in Sacramento and the prosecution attempted to show his unreliability by proving that he once wrote a letter to the Call claiming that he saw an airship over Sacramento.

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